Sri Lankan Refugees in India

2878. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sri Lankan refugees are staying in various parts of the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Refugees have been accommodated in 135 camps set up in 19 districts of Tamil Nadu and are being provided relief assistance as per the approved pattern. There are also refugees outside the camps, staying on their own.

Demand for Separate Bangala State

2879. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news appearing in the Dainik 'Jagaran' dated 22nd July, 1993 regarding making conspiracy to make a demand for separate "Bangla State" in India by Bangladeshi intruders in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto stating the stern action taken by the Government in this matter keeping in view that this demand may bring India on a critical juncture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government is alive to the problem of detection and deportation of illegal migrants including those from Bangladesh. The question of the Government considering a demand for a separate 'Bangla State' does not arise at all.

Opening of Shops in Delhi on Holidays

2880. PROF. I. G. SANADI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tuesday is treated as weekly closed holiday for Markets/Shops situated in J. J. Colony, Moti Bagh-II, Nanakpur Market, South Moti Bagh, Munirka Village and the entire Rama Krishna Puram, New Delhi;

(b) whether he is aware that the shopkeepers keep their shops open beyond normal hours as well as on the weekly closed holiday (Tuesday);

(c) whether there is any authority to whom the complaint in writing or by telephone about this type of irregularity may be made; if so, the names and designations of the authorities alongwith their telephone numbers; and

(d) the reasons for not giving wide publicity in newspapers about such informations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Delhi Administration has reported that some shopkeepers do open their shops beyond the prescribed opening and closing hours as well as weekly closed days fixed for the area.

(c) Complaints in this regard can be made to Asst. Labour Commissioner and Labour Officer, Giri Nagar, Kalkaji, New Delhi, in writing or on phone and also to Chief Inspector of shops and Establishments at Labour Commissioner's Office, 15, Rajpur Road, Delhi.

(d) The opening and closing hours of shops were fixed by the Delhi Administration by a Notification dated 19-7-1979 while the weekly closed day was fixed by Notification dated 24-5-78. Since the prescribed opening and closing hours and weekly closed day are in existence for a number of years, the public at large is well aware of them.

Preventing Secular Artists from Staging Programmes

2881. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Vishwa Hindu Parishad is preventing the secular artists from staging their programmes;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action against Vishwa Hindu Parishad; and

(c) whether Government are planning to provide protection to such secular artists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) Vishwa Hindu Parishad has been declared as an unlawful association